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PETITION TO CHANGE PUBLIC ROAD DENIED

A large number of citizens from the Bluff Creek neighborhood were in Carthage Monday to appear as witnesses in the hearing of the petition to change a portion of the public road at Bluff Creek, which was presented to G. W. Allen, chairman of the county court.

The petition was filed by J. J. Courtney and was opposed by L. H. Gibbs et als. The petition asked that the Carthage and Gordonsville road be changed so as to run about 50 feet up the hill from the present right of way, the petitioner citing that the proposed new road would be free from grade, more easily kept up and that it would be better for the public in general. Mr. Gibbs and others protested on the grounds that the proposed new road would prove to be a great inconvenience to the freight and passenger traffic using the Bluff Creek railroad station, and also insisted that the old road would be more easily maintained than the proposed new road, and it would be more convenient for the traveling public.

The petition was denied by Judge Allen. Nelson Fisher, attorney for Mr. Courtney, asked for an appeal to circuit court, which was granted. Mr. Gibbs and others were represented by W. V. Lee.

Damage on Indian Creek

People living on Indian Creek state that the heavy rain which fell Friday night, June 2, swelled the creek higher than they had ever known it before. Along this creek, there is some splendid farms and the high water did considerable damage. The road leading by the residence of "Uncle" Ike Ferrill was washed out considerably.

Hooper Improving; Bean Worse

News has been received that Will Hooper who was shot by Elston Gregory near Pleasant Shade last Saturday week was improving and had a good chance for recovery. News from the bedside of Claude Bean who was shot on the same date by Ova Malone, however, is to the effect that Bean is suffering a great deal and has a slight chance for recovery.

In giving an account of the Gregory-Hooper affair in last week's Courier it was erroneously stated that the shooting took place at the home of Hutch Porter. Since the publication of the article we have been advised that the shooting did not take place at the home of Mr. Porter, but that the difficulty occurred in public road at a point about 100 yards of the Porter home. Neither of the young men had been to the home of Mr. Porter.

The Courier is glad to do Mr. Porter the justice by making this correction.

Preaching Announcement

There will be preaching at St. Mary's next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock by the pastor, and at Chestnut Mound in the afternoon of the same day at three o'clock. Rev. Marshall has consented to preach for the pastor at the latter service.

There will also be preaching at Ellis' Chapel Sunday night at 8 o'clock and on the Monday following, at the same place, Rev. H. B. Blue, presiding elder of the Lebanon District, will preach at 11 a. m., immediately after which the Third Quarterly meeting of the Chestnut Mound circuit will be held. Everybody is invited.

GRANT NEGRO BREAKS INTO CARTHAGE JAIL

It is nothing unusual to hear of the transgressors of the laws of our land breaking out of jail, but it is a little out of the ordinary to have a would-be bad fellow to walk right up to a sheriff and have himself incarcerated in a county bastille.

This is just what Clarence Head, a negro from Grant neighborhood did last Sunday. Head, in company with Gooch Manning, also colored, came to Carthage last Sunday with the intention of having a great time, no doubt. In his intoxicated condition, Head managed to get across the bridge and among the first Carthaginians he met up with was Sheriff Malone, who was at his home at the county jail. In spite of the sheriff's protests, Head engaged in a conversation and made himself very familiar with the county's highest peace officer. So finally, just to see what possessions the Sunday visitor had that made him so familiar, the Sheriff made a search and relieved Head of a 32 pistol, loaded all round, a razor, with a hair-splitting edge, one pint bottle partly filled with bust-head whiskey and two pint bottles partly filled with the adulterated conversation oil. Sheriff Malone promptly arraigned Head before Esq. Chapman, who bound him over to criminal court, and in default of bond Head was placed in jail.

POLLED DURHAMS FOR SMITH COUNTY

At the sale of polled Durhams held at Nashville, Ind., recently, L. H. Gwaltney of Hickman, Tenn., was the purchaser of two heifers, Fattie and Pauline. These two heifers will be added to his herd. Smith county has been buying high-bred cattle at various sales all this year, and it is one of the most progressive live stock counties in the state or south—Nashville Tennessee.

Granville Has Electric Lights

The progressive, enterprising and prosperous citizens of Granville are now enjoying the conveniences of electric lights. Some time ago, a plant was installed and now the streets, business houses and residences are lighted with electricity. We congratulate them on getting out of the dark. Some other towns would do well to pattern after Granville.

Two Kentucky Mutuals Break

The Insurance Field, a paper which is published for the purpose of letting the public know what the various insurance companies throughout the country are doing, contained the following in a recent issue of the breaking of two Kentucky Mutuals:

"The Home Mutual Fire, of Edmonton, Ky., is in process of liquidation as is the Owen County Farmers Mutual, of Owenton, Ky. The liquidation of the latter is due to insolvency."

Prominent Lawyer Dies

James T. Miller, a prominent lawyer of the Nashville bar, died at an infirmary in that city Tuesday morning. The remains were brought to Hartsville, his former home, where interment took place. Mr. Miller was well and favorably known throughout this section. Eight years ago, he made the race for congress against Hon. Cordell Hull, and made many friends who will regret to learn of his death.

Successful Institute Is Held By Smith County Teachers.

The Smith county teachers institute which was in session in Carthage last week closed last Friday at noon. The institute was pronounced by numerous teachers as being one of the most successful ever held in the county. Supt. E. L. Huffines, who is winning special favor from every section of the county upon the manner in which he is solving the problems of making better schools for the county, was untiring in his efforts to make the annual gathering of the teachers a success. The Superintendent was assisted in the work by a number of able assistants, and Miss Williams of Cheatham county especially endeared herself to the teachers and the visitors by advancing new and successful methods of teaching. There were 111 enrolled, and in every way the institute proved to be a great success.

The following resolutions were adopted by the institute:

"Be it resolved by the teachers of Smith county,

"First, That we extend to the citizens of Carthage our sincere thanks for the hospitality they have shown us, and also our appreciation of the interest shown in our work by the people of Carthage and elsewhere.

"Second, That we desire to thank those who have taken part in the institute work, and especially are we most grateful to Miss Williams for her valuable instruction in primary methods, and also to Supt. Caplinger of DeKalb county for his inspiring address.

"Third, That we most heartily commend Supt. Huffines for his untiring efforts toward the betterment of Smith county schools and the energy he has expended in giving to us a live institute.

"Fourth, That we the teachers of Smith county are determined to take no backward steps along educational lines, and that whatever we do in the future will be for the welfare of our county's educational interests.

Ovid Neal, Chairman,
J. W. Bradley, Sec'y,
J. H. Stanford,
Miss Era Allen,
Mrs. Ollie Agee,
S. W. Key,
D. M. Johnson.

BUYS INTEREST IN McCLELLAN MERCANTILE CO.

Frank Yeaman has recently bought an interest in the general merchandise business of McClellan Mercantile Co., of Carthage and is now actively connected with that firm. For some time Mr. Yeaman was engaged in the mercantile business in Carthage, first being a member of the firm of Cardwell & Yeaman and later Samson & Yeaman. More than a year ago he acquired the entire interest of Samson & Yeaman and shortly afterwards sold the stock to McClellan Mercantile Co.

Mr. Yeaman's many friends will be glad to know that he has gone back into the mercantile business in Carthage, and the strong firm he has joined is to be congratulated upon being able to secure him as a member. Mr. Yeaman solicits the patronage of his old customers and friends, promising them fair, honest and courteous treatment. There will be no change made in the firm name, it will remain McClellan Mercantile Co.

Following is a list of the names of the teachers attending the institute as they appeared on the secretary's book:—C. J. Sloan, L. B. Mathews, L. B. Petty, S. W. Key, W. W. Taylor, Georgia Smith, Odas M. Mathews, Birdie Neal, John J. Hendrickson, Mrs. John J. Hendrickson, Mary Martin, E. L. Huffines, H. C. Smith, J. P. Woodard, Bonnie C. Simpson, Otis West, Willie Stephens, Orie Kemp, Eula West, Vannie Russell, Bettie Jones, J. M. Gregory, Ruth White, Clin West, Electa Petty, Era Allen, John Donoho, B. L. Thomas, Ruth Petty, M. Estella Welty, Lena Igh, Mary Ford, Alma Ford, Lizzie Ford, Ovid Neal, Mrs. J. W. Johnson, Lucile Hale, Jno. W. Estes, Leslie Canter, Lady Carpenter, Ivy Wright, Stanton Hunter, Clara Cheek, Lillian Smartt, Lillian Johnson, Lucile Henry, Vio Porter, Mrs. Ollie Agee, Gladys Shoulters, Jas. Clinton Beasley, Clester Huffines, Lena Bradford, Vera Skelton, Cora Beal, Stella B. Powell, Kate Carpenter, Maggie Carpenter, Florence Smith, Eula Petty, Myrtle Frogue, Herbert Carver, Florence Hackett, Kate White, Calvin Gregory, Espie Knight, Virgil Duke, Beulah Kirby, Bessie Skelton, Dewey Skelton, Lester Donoho, V. C. Thompson, Hugh Williams, J. S. Woods, Leslie West, Eugene Canter, D. F. Powell, J. W. Alexander, V. O. Maggart, Ned Alexander, Herbert Maggart, G. W. Goad, W. H. Massey, Mrs. W. H. Massey, Dell Terry, Frank Hudson, William Angel, Hugh Hailey, Will W. Grisham, Mrs. Ruth Grigg, L. B. Thomas, D. M. Johnson, Miss Williams, C. A. Oakley, J. D. Ray, E. S. Frye, Wendal Atwood, Mattie Lee Smartt, Albert Williams, G. B. Thackston, Mrs. G. O. Moore, Bessie McCall, Mrs. L. D. Yeaman, T. H. Stanford, Sadie Massey, Mary Ballard, G. S. McDuffee, Burford Kemp, Walter Bradley.

Nice Honey For Sale

I have a nice lot of honey for sale at 15c per pound. W. H. CARPENTER, New Middleton, Tenn. Cumberland telephone, 6-8-2t

EQUALIZATION BOARD TO MEET MONDAY, JUNE 19.

The equalization board, composed of C. S. Key, C. H. Mathews, H. T. Moss, W. H. Petross and J. S. Marks, will meet at the court house in Carthage Monday, June 19. Those who feel that their taxes are in any way irregular will appear before this board for adjustment.

Bockman Bros. Doing Nice Business.

The general merchandise firm of Bockman Bros. of Enigma are doing a profitable business. This firm is stationed at the L. R. Kent old stand and since their purchase of the stock, have added considerably to all lines. They have a well-kept store and are enjoying a liberal patronage.

Preaching at Monoville

I will preach at Monoville Saturday at 2 o'clock p. m. and Sunday at 11 a. m. as usual. The revival will be in progress at the Baptist church at Carthage, but that will not interfere with the services at Monoville.

A. P. Moore, pastor.

POPULAR YOUNG PEOPLE OF HICKMAN MARRY

WILLIAMS—BATES

Miss Eula Frances Bates and Herbert Williams were married at the home of Justice of the Peace Wiley Nixon, near Temperance Hall last Sunday. Mr. Nixon performing the ceremony. The bride is a daughter of J. M. Bates, a prominent farmer of this community. Mr. Williams is a son of Jim Williams of Dowelltown.

AGEE—MIDGETT

Miss Nettie Midgett and Willie Agee were married last Sunday near the home of Esq. L. H. Gwaltney, who performed the ceremony. The bride is a daughter of Brent Midgett of Temperance Hall. Mr. Agee is the son of I. K. Agee, produce merchant of Hickman.

VANTREASE—NOLAN

Miss Verna Nolan and D. Lacy Vantrease were quietly married on June 7th near the Smith and Wilson county line by Rev. Wauford of Watertown in the presence of only a few friends. Miss Nolan is the popular young grand-daughter of Mrs. Mary Thomas of Hickman. Mr. Vantrease is the son of Williams Foster Vantrease of Watertown.

REVIVAL IN PROGRESS AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. R. S. Gavin, pastor of the First Baptist church of Corinth, Miss., arrived in Carthage yesterday and conducted the first service of the revival meeting which is in progress at the Baptist church in this city last night. Rev. Gavin made a most favorable impression on his audience with the first discourse by delivering an interesting and instructive sermon. Dr. Gavin is a close student of the Bible and is both enthusiastic and conscientious in his work of winning souls for Christ. Rev. Moore, pastor of the local church, is to be congratulated upon being able to secure the services of Dr. Gavin in this meeting.

Services will be conducted every morning at 11 o'clock and every evening at 8 o'clock until further notice. Everybody is not only invited but urged to attend these services. They will do you good.

Esq. John Conditt Improving.

Throughout the county, the many friends of Esq. John Conditt of Elmwood will be glad to learn that he is gradually recovering from a long and painful attack of rheumatism. All through the past winter and up until recently, Esq. Conditt suffered a great deal from rheumatism, but he is now up and able to stir around. Esq. Conditt states that he expects to come to Carthage soon to visit his son, James Conditt. His friends here will be glad to see him.

Small Business Change.

A small business change occurred in Carthage this week when E. E. Turner took over the stock of dry goods carried by J. L. West. Mr. Turner giving in exchange his stock of groceries. Hereafter Mr. West will handle groceries exclusively and Mr. Turner will confine his stock to a general line of dry goods. Both Mr. Turner and Mr. West solicit the continued patronage of their many friends.

SUDAN GRASS SEED—Only a remnant left and I am closing them out at 5c per pound.

S. M. YOUNG,
Dixon Springs, Tenn.

'BILLY' WILSON ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR REPRESENTATIVE

In this issue of the Courier appears the formal announcement of W. C. (Billy) Wilson as a candidate for Representative from Smith county in next General Assembly.

For a number of years Mr. Wilson has been serving as a member of the county court from the 13th civil district, and he has many friends in the county who will be interested to know of his entering the race for Representative. In his announcement, Mr. Wilson explains his views on a number of questions. He is a thorough democrat and is an upright, honorable, christian gentleman and is going to make a strong race for the office to which he aspires. However, Mr. Wilson expects to make a clean campaign, one that is above cheap politics and other illegitimate means.

If elected, Mr. Wilson will be active in disposing of the duties imposed upon him in the way that he deems to be to the best interest of the county, and he will ever be grateful for the honor conferred.

MORE PREMIUMS FOR 1916 CHILDREN'S FAIR

Mr. W. W. Taylor offers a \$5 premium: Justice of the Peace J. R. Bridgewater telephoned authority to offer a premium for him. Premiums will be offered for best pumpkin, best six stalks broom corn, best six stalks sugar cane, and best arranged three grips of any kind of grains or grasses.

For advanced premium list, call or write J. M. COX, Carthage, Tenn.

73rd Birthday Celebration.

One of the most enjoyable birthday celebrations of the year was that given William Ferguson on his 73rd birthday. Sunday, June 4, sons and daughters, grandchildren and friends, numbering about 35, gathered at his home near Chestnut Mound and spent the day together. Each family prepared and brought with them dinner, which was spread in the old family dining room, and, after thanks had been offered by John Horace, the 3 1/2-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. E. D. Gross of Chestnut Mound, was greatly enjoyed by all. In addition to this sumptuous dinner, large quantities of oranges, bananas, ice cream, etc., was in evidence, and the day proved to be a grand picnic for all present.

Sorosis Club Outing

A delightful outing to the Hermitage, given by the members of the Sorosis Club of Hickman, was enjoyed by a large crowd last Thursday. The morning was spent in study at the Jackson home, after which lunch was served. The party motored to Nashville in the afternoon where a picnic supper was spread at Centennial Park. Those composing the party were Mr. and Mrs. Will Petty, Mr. and Mrs. James Askew, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gwaltney, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Ashley, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Nixon, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams, Misses Mollie and Etta Jones, Mary Johnson, Ollie Rogers, Ruby A. Hley, Collie Huddleston, Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Castleman, Jack Baird, Bart Gwaltney and Howard Ashley.

Lewis Allison of near New Middleton was in Carthage Monday transacting business.